

SENATE BILL 4047  
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Chapter 482 of the Private Acts of 1911; as amended by Chapter 40 of the Private Acts of 1997 and Chapter 76 of the Private Acts of 2000; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the city court of Centerville.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 482 of the Private Acts of 1911; as amended by Chapter 40 of the Private Acts of 1997 and Chapter 76 of the Private Acts of 2000; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting ARTICLE V in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 1. City Court Established.

There is hereby established a city court to be presided over by a city judge appointed by the board in accordance with Section 7 of this Article.

Section 2. The city judge shall, before entering upon the duties of the office, take the following oath of office to be administered by the mayor of the city of Centerville:

"to support the Constitution of the state of Tennessee and faithfully discharge the duties of city judge with fairness and without favor for all who appear before the city court."

Section 3. The city judge shall have the qualifications and receive such compensation as the Board may provide by ordinance.

Section 4. The city judge shall have jurisdiction in and over all cases for the violation of, and all cases arising under, the laws and ordinances of the city of Centerville.

Section 5. To the extent provided by law, the city judge may impose fines, costs and forfeitures, and punish by fine for violation of city ordinances. All such revenue shall be the property of the city of Centerville and shall be turned over to the city recorder upon collection.

Section 6. The city judge may preserve and enforce order in the court and enforce the collection of all fines, costs and forfeitures imposed as provided by law.

Section 7. Whenever the office of the city judge is not filled by the appointment of some other person, the city recorder shall serve as the city judge.

Section 8. Upon expiration of the term of office, or a vacancy, in the office of the current city judge, a city judge shall be appointed by the board for a term of two (2) years.

Section 9. City Court Clerk Abolished.

Effective September 1, 2006, the office of city court clerk is abolished.

The duties previously performed by the city court clerk shall, after September 1, 2006, be transferred to and performed by the general sessions court clerk of Hickman County.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the city of Centerville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of the city of Centerville and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.